

## **STATEMENT**

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## Voters to Decide Fate of Minimum Wage Increase and Earned Sick Leave Council President Comments on the June 2016 Vote

SAN DIEGO (October 20, 2014) – Today the San Diego City Council approved placing its measure to increase the minimum wage and allow workers to earn sick leave before voters in June 2016. Council President Todd Gloria, who authored the initial measure, commented on the action.

"Increasing the minimum wage and providing workers five days of earned sick leave are right policies for San Diego. I am confident that my fellow San Diegans will join me in helping to raise up our hard working neighbors, 38% of whom are struggling to afford shelter and food every month because the minimum wage is too low. I am confident that San Diegans will support this reasonable, common sense measure.

"Minimum wage opponents delayed the implementation of the minimum wage increase by funding a deceitful referendum campaign. The result is that 172,000 San Diegans will have to wait at least two years to get these necessary raises that will help them keep a roof on their heads and food on their tables. I look forward to a campaign based on facts, rather than the lies told during the signature gathering process. I am glad the City Council acted today to provide voters the chance to raise up San Diego."

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